

Application No: 09/739,406

Case No.: CGL00/0146US1A

REMARKS

Claims 7-17 remain in the application and are presented for examination and reconsideration. Claims 18-31 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-6 have been canceled to expedite prosecution. Dependent Claim 16 has been converted to an independent format, with no other changes. New Claims 32-40 have been added and are dependent on Claim 16. Claims 32-40 are presented for examination.

NON-COMPLIANCE

The Amendment document filed on December 22, 2003 was considered non-compliant under 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. In accordance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have hereby corrected the non-compliant section, and the entire corrected section is resubmitted.

In the above-identified application, there is hereby resubmitted in its entirety, the "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicants' amendment document.

As required, to correct the "Amendments to the claims" section, the following items have been provided:

1. A complete listing of all of the claims is now present.
2. The listing of claims includes the text of all claims, including withdrawn claims 18-31. The text of canceled Claims 1-6 is not presented.
3. Each claim has been provided with the proper status identifier. In particular, Claims 7-15, and 17, have been identified as "previously presented."
4. The claims of the Amendment have been presented in ascending numerical order.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the Amendment document filed on December 22, 2003, is now compliant with the requirements of 37CFR 1.121 as amended on June 30, 2003. Furthermore, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully submit that Claims 7-17, and 32-40 are patentable. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to pass the application to issue.

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This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2342.

Respectfully submitted,

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